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In re U.S. Patent Application )  
TAKESHITA et al. ) Art Unit 1632  
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For: APPARATUS FOR MICROINJECTION OF )  
SAMPLE INTO AMPHIBIAN OOCYTES )  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in further response to the Final Office Action dated August 28, 2006, in conjunction with the response filed November 28, 2006, and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: